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ITEM 1. Proposed Project

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The Tahoe National Forest will continue with innovative approaches to law enforcement including Jeep four-wheel drive (4X4) events (Sierra Trek, Run-A-Muck) ride-a-longs and informational booths at these events; sound monitoring and testing days at specific Forest locations to educate the public; hidden camera and alarm monitoring at problem sites, and barriers that blend better with the natural environment at vehicle closure areas.

ITEM 2. Project Coverage

There are 833,230 acres within the Tahoe National Forest. Summer and winter OHV and/or OSV activity occurs on each of the four Ranger Districts on the Forest, having one of the largest programs in the state. As documented from the 2005 Tahoe NF National Recreation Use Monitoring report, the Tahoe NF received approximately 998,000 OHV visitor days and 85,135 OSV visitor days. The Tahoe NF operates and maintains 12 staging areas, and approximately 2,231 miles of roads and trails authorized for use by off highway vehicles. There is one open OHV riding area of the Forest, Prosser Pit, which is a 45 acre OHV open area where the main activity is motocross-style motorcycle riding.

In addition to specific roads and trails, geographic areas of the Forest have been determined to be unsuitable for motorized use. 87,000 acres have been designated as unsuitable for any motorized use and 160,000 acres have been designated as suitable for seasonal use only. Virtually all of the remaining areas are patrolled by LE personnel for compliance with existing laws and regulations. In the winter the 240 miles of groomed snowmobile trails on the Forest are patrolled in addition to areas on the remaining 430,000 acres open to winter snowmobile opportunity.

ITEM 3. Describe the frequency of the patrols

For the East Zone the frequency of patrols in summer is 1-2 OHV Recreation FPO's during the majority of weekdays, and usually 2 OHV Recreation FPO's on the weekends and holidays. Almost daily during the summer season FPT's (i.e: 1-4 on the East Zone), make contact with the visiting public and help with OHV enforcement! The frequency of patrols in the winter is 1 OHV Recreation FPO on skis or snowmobile 2-4 times/week, often with district partner or LEO. The East Zone

this year will have 2 LEOs that also patrol year- round.

The American River Ranger District has 1 Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) and 4 Forest Protection Officers (FPO's) dedicated to OHV/OSV enforcement on a full time or part time basis throughout the year.

Normally, the FPO's dedicated to OHV/OSV enforcement will be working at least 1 or 2 days per week, 8 to 10 hours per day throughout the operating seasons. Most of them work when the use is at it's highest which naturally includes weekends. The LEO will dedicate approximately 8 to 16 hours per week, focusing on Fridays, Saturdays or Sundays.

Yuba River Ranger District - OHV areas (Burlington Motorcycle Trail area, Rattlesnake OHV Roads and Trail area, Pierce OHV Trails area, Downieville/Sierra City trails, Gold Valley OHV Trails area) would be patrolled on a rotating basis at least two times per week, focused on weekends and holidays during the high use period between Memorial Day and Labor Day. During the shoulder and winter seasons, accessible OHV area or winter snowmobile area patrols would occur at least once per week. In addition to the focused OHV patrols, OHV enforcement frequency would be increased by Fire Prevention Officers that patrol dispersed recreational areas popular with OHV users during summer weekends.

ITEM 4. Deployment of Personnel

On the East Zone personnel in the summer are normally separated into the Sierraville and Truckee Ranger Districts, 1 OHV Recreation FPO for each district. Occasionally they team-up, concentrating on areas listed in #1 below. Deployment of Personnel in winter is 1 OHV Recreation FPO for both the Sierraville and Truckee Ranger Districts (sometimes help from Avalanche forecasters or other rec personnel), concentrating on the groomed snowmobile trail system and associated 3 plowed winter, East Zone OSV Closure Areas.

Past grants have allowed for personnel to be scheduled during high-use periods. When accidents, medical aids, over-due or missing persons, or any other emergency situations arise, personnel are able to respond quickly to the need. Past accidents or medical aids have usually been reported directly to officers patrolling OHV areas. Having personnel present leads to quicker responses. If personnel are not in the area, aid and emergency response is significantly delayed due to the user having to return to town due to limited cell phone coverage in the OHV area. Occasionally, OHV users will contact the local Sheriffs office or the Tahoe National Forest Emergency Command Center to report OHV violations. When this occurs, the Emergency Command Center will dispatch or deploy LEO's or FPO's to the OHV incident.

The Yuba River Ranger District would deploy 3 Law Enforcement Officers (LEOs) and 5 Forest Protection Officers (FPOs) to patrol OHV trails on the district. LEO's and FPOs have 4x4 vehicles. There are three motorcycles and four snowmobiles available to the LEO's and FPOs on the Yuba River Ranger District for OHV patrol purposes. The district can also call upon the contract Nevada County Deputy assigned to the Tahoe NF during the summer to assist with OHV law enforcement issues.

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1. Identify areas with high priority law enforcement needs because of public safety, cultural resources, and sensitive environmental habitats, including wilderness areas and areas of critical environmental concerns:

Priority OHV areas: Burlington, Rattlesnake, Pierce, Downieville/Sierra City trails, Gold Valley Prosser Pits, Boca/Stampede/Prosser Reservoir, Barker Pass, Rubicon Jeep trail, Bear Valley, Jackson Meadows, Fordyce Jeep trail, Meadow Lake, Sugar Pine, Foresthill Divide, Onion Valley, Texas Hill and the many dispersed camping areas. Most of these would be patrolled on a rotating basis at least two times per week, focused on weekends and holidays during the high use period between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Some would be patrolled daily. During the shoulder and winter seasons accessible OHV area or winter snowmobile area patrols would occur at least once per week. In addition to the focused OHV patrols, OHV enforcement frequency would be increased by Fire Prevention Officers that patrol dispersed recreational areas popular with OHV users during summer weekends. Meadows, cultural area, and restoration sites also receive priority patrols.

2. Describe how the proposed Project relates to OHV Recreation and will sustain OHV Recreation, motorized off-highway access to non-motorized recreation, or OHV Opportunities associated with the Project Area:

OHV Recreation on the Tahoe National Forest continues to grow, summer and winter! Through a pro-active OHV/OSV Law Enforcement and education program maps are provided, OHV rules and regulations are enforced and both the motorized and non-motorized communities benefit. Providing these activities prevent OHV's from traveling off of the OHV designated route system. Law Enforcement presence and OHV regulation enforcement helps ensure the protection of the public's safety and natural resources, thus ensuring the sustainability of OHV trails on the TNF. OHV law enforcement efforts help ensure that OHVs do not trespass onto non-motorized recreation access in areas where both motorized and non-motorized opportunities are provided, such as in the Burlington and Gold Valley areas.

3. Describe the Applicant's formal or informal cooperation with other law enforcement agencies:

Tahoe NF iRanger Districts have arrangements with their respective Sherriffs Office through Memorandum's of Understanding. Placer County Sherriffs Office, as an example, has a volunteer motorcycle Search and Rescue Patrol Unit under a volunteer agreement. The East Zone Tahoe National Forest FPO's and LEO's work with law enforcement personnel on the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest and the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (adjoining forest lands). They also work with Sierra County, Nevada County, Placer County, the town of Truckee, and with California Highway Patrol and California Fish and Game Law Enforcement Officers. Multitude of reasons (summer and winter) can include back-up help for lone FPO's, team efforts for large group contacts, Search and Rescue operations, highway traffic accidents spilling onto National Forest land, traffic accidents on county roads within the National Forest, response help when Forest Service LEO's unavailable, help during high OHV use periods (hunting season, holidays), etc.

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4. Does the Applicant recover a portion of the law enforcement costs directly associated with privately sponsored OHV events where sponsors have obtained a local permit? ☒ Yes ☐ No
(Please select Yes or No)

Explain

Privately suponsored OHV events (such as Endours, "Run-a-Muck" 4X4 event, "Sierra Trek" 4X4 event, Rubicon Jeep Trail events etc.) have, and will continue to occur on the Tahoe National Forest. These events can consist of 300 or more participants per event. In order to have an OHV event on National Forest lands, a permit is required with 85% of the permit fee directed back to the District. A portion of these fees are used to support OHV Law Enforcement efforts. Additionally, some event promoters have, or hire their own law enforcement personnel which is a savings to the Forest.

5. The Applicant agrees to implement a public education program that includes information on safety programs available in the area and how to report OHV violations? ☒ Yes ☐ No
(Please select Yes or No)

6. Describe the Applicant's OHV law enforcement training program including how the training program educates personnel to address OHV safety and natural and cultural resource protection:

Forest Service Law Enforcement Officers go through a 18 week Basic Law Enforcement Academy (FLETC) in Georgia where they receive special training in resource protection. FPO's have an initial 32-hour Forest Protection Officer training, and an annual 8-hour FPO refresher. All LE personnel receive required safety training on ATV's and snowmobiles, monthly district safety meetings, safety bulletins, and special OHV training opportunities such as spark arrester training all continue to help educate Forest Service personnel on OHV safety and resource protection. Sound Testing training is conducted by the California State Parks OHMVR Division.

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7. Is the proposed project in accordance with local or federal plans and the OHMVR Division Strategic Plan? (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No
8. LOCAL AGENCIES ONLY - Describe the Applicant's policies and/or agreements regarding enforcement on federal land:
9. COUNTIES ONLY - Describe how the OHV in-lieu of tax funds are being used and whether the use of these fees complements the Applicant's project:

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10. APPLICANTS WHO MANAGE OHV RECREATION FACILITIES – Describe how your organization is meeting its operation and maintenance needs:
- The Tahoe National Forest uses a combination of federal appropriated funds, OHV grant funds and volunteer labor and contributions to meet its operation and maintenance needs (i.e. in 2006 the Nevada County Woods Riders (motorcycle club) paid to have the Chalk Bluff Staging Area toilet pumped when no other funds were available). Many areas such as the Prosser Pits Open OHV Area are managed primarily with volunteer help, including heavy equipment operation. OHV Law Enforcement signing is typically maintained with LE Grant funds. Additionally, the winter storage barn at Little Truckee Summit is maintained with LE Grant funds. LE equipment (4 snowmobiles and 3 motorcycles) are operated and maintained with LE Grant funds.
11. The Applicant agrees to enforce the registration of OHVs and the other provision of Division 16.5 commencing with Section 38000 of the vehicle code and to enforce other applicable laws regarding the operation of OHVs? (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No

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PROJECT TITLE :	Law Enforcement	PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :	
PROJECT TYPE :	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration		
PROJECT DESCRIPTION :	<p>The Tahoe National Forest (TNF) is located in the Sierra Nevada mountain range between Sacramento CA and Reno, NV and is within a one-hour travel time of two million people. We also receive many visitors from the San Francisco Bay Area. The Tahoe NF is one of the only national forests to have both OHV and OSV managed programs on all of its ranger districts. This funding request provides for a year round law enforcement program on all Ranger Districts on the Forest: The Sierraville Ranger District and Truckee Ranger Districts (collectively called the "East Zone"), the American River Ranger District and the Yuba River Ranger District.</p> <p>Law Enforcement is an integral part of the overall management of the Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) and Over Snow Vehicle (OSV) use on the Tahoe National Forest. The program utilizes commissioned Law Enforcement Officers (LEOs), Forest Protection Officers (FPOs), Fire Prevention Technicians (FPTs) and other recognized peace officers. The Tahoe OHV/OSV program emphasizes strong public education, user group involvement, adequate signing and appropriate law enforcement action when applicable. The proposed project is requesting funding for OHV and OSV enforcement, compliance, education, prevention, training, and support; posting of regulatory signs, maps, and other educational material; area patrol, especially during times of high use including the use of uniformed officers on motorcycles on the trails; patrolling of closed areas; coordination with other law enforcement agencies; and providing information to the public. Continued emphasis will focus on routine winter patrol for OSV intrusion into the Granite Chief Wilderness area and various other OSV closure areas.</p> <p>The Tahoe National Forest OHV/OSV Law Enforcement program emphasizes strong public education through user group involvement. Currently we work with twelve or more groups. These groups conduct summer and winter patrols while making user contacts (motorized and non-motorized) and assist with informational and regulatory signing. Public education is also accomplished by maps and informational handouts; electronic communications to specific user mailing lists, a web page, posting of signs, local news media, and press releases.</p> <p>The Tahoe National Forest will continue with innovative approaches to law enforcement including Jeep four-wheel drive (4X4) events (Sierra Trek, Run-A-Muck) ride-a-longs and informational booths at these events; sound monitoring and testing days at specific Forest locations to educate the public; hidden camera and alarm monitoring at problem sites, and barriers that blend better with the natural environment at vehicle closure areas.</p>		

	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
DIRECT EXPENSES							
Program Expenses							
1	Staff						
	Other-YR FPO, District Trails Manager	38.000	398.700	DAY	15,151.00	0.00	15,151.00
	Other-YR FPO, Temporaries	65.000	134.670	DAY	8,754.00	0.00	8,754.00
	Other-YR LEO ()	60.000	350.000	DAY	0.00	21,000.00	21,000.00

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	Other-YR FPO, Winter Rec Technican	5.000	318.150	DAY	1,591.00	0.00	1,591.00
	Other-YR Volunteer OHV Education	160.000	19.510	HRS	0.00	3,122.00	3,122.00
	Other-AR FPO (EM)	37.000	286.000	DAY	10,582.00	0.00	10,582.00
	Other-AR FPO (JG)	36.000	294.000	DAY	10,584.00	0.00	10,584.00
	Other-AR FPO (KE)	50.000	240.000	DAY	12,000.00	0.00	12,000.00
	Other-AR FPO (MR)	15.000	298.000	DAY	0.00	4,470.00	4,470.00
	Other-AR LEO (TM)	40.000	404.000	DAY	0.00	16,160.00	16,160.00
	Other-LE Specail Events w/OT	24.000	350.000	DAY	8,400.00	0.00	8,400.00
	Other-EZ OHV Specialist/FPO (SJ)	40.000	245.000	DAY	9,800.00	0.00	9,800.00
	Other-EZ OHV Program Manager/FPO (JW)	62.000	282.000	DAY	17,484.00	0.00	17,484.00
	Other-EZ OHV Technicans/FPO's (x2)	50.000	153.000	DAY	7,650.00	0.00	7,650.00
	Other-EZ LEO's (CR & xB)	25.000	333.000	DAY	0.00	8,325.00	8,325.00
	Other-EZ FPT (P61,P62, P71, P72)	40.000	234.000	DAY	0.00	9,360.00	9,360.00
	Other-EZ Snowmobile Club Volunteers	20.000	144.000	DAY	0.00	2,880.00	2,880.00
	Other-EZ No. Tahoe Backcountry Ski Patro	275.000	144.000	DAY	0.00	39,600.00	39,600.00
	Other-EZ Avalanche Forecasters (xS & xA)	32.000	191.000	DAY	0.00	6,112.00	6,112.00
	Total for Staff				101,996.00	111,029.00	213,025.00
2	Contracts						
	Other-AR Placer Co. Sheriff	1.000	10000.000	EA	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
3	Materials / Supplies						
	Other-AR Sound Monitor Calibration	1.000	500.000	EA	500.00	0.00	500.00
	Other-YR LE Safety Equipment	1.000	1000.000	EA	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00

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	Other-AR LE Safety Equipment	1.000	1000.000	EA	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
	Other-EZ LE Summer&Winter Safety Equipme	1.000	1000.000	EA	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
	Other-Misc. Supplies	1.000	500.000	EA	500.00	0.00	500.00
	Other-YR Camera	1.000	300.000	EA	300.00	0.00	300.00
	Total for Materials / Supplies				4,300.00	0.00	4,300.00
4	Equipment Use Expenses						
	Other-AR Vehicle Mileage (0866)	1000.000	0.410	MI	410.00	0.00	410.00
	Other-AR Vehicle Mileage (2616)	3000.000	0.380	MI	1,140.00	0.00	1,140.00
	Other-AR Vehicle Mileage (4101)	2000.000	0.410	MI	0.00	820.00	820.00
	Other-YR Vehicle Mileage (1/2tPU)	3000.000	0.410	MI	1,230.00	0.00	1,230.00
	Other-LE Trailer Maintenance	1.000	300.000	EA	300.00	0.00	300.00
	Other-AR&YR LE Motorcycle Mtnc	5.000	250.000	EA	1,250.00	0.00	1,250.00
	Other-EZ Motorcycle Maintenance	3.000	250.000	EA	750.00	0.00	750.00
	Other-LE Snowmobile Maintenance	4.000	250.000	EA	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
	Total for Equipment Use Expenses				6,080.00	820.00	6,900.00
5	Equipment Purchases						
	Other-YR LE Motorcycle w/carrier Notes : Includes Lights, Siren and pickup carrier mounting.	1.000	8000.000		8,000.00	0.00	8,000.00
6	Others						
7	Administrative Costs						
	Administrative Costs-Admin Staff Salarie	1.000	4624.000	EA	4,624.00	0.00	4,624.00
	Total Program Expenses				125,000.00	121,849.00	246,849.00
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DIRECT EXPENSES					
Program Expenses					
1	Staff	101,996.00	111,029.00	213,025.00	
2	Contracts	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	4,300.00	0.00	4,300.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	6,080.00	820.00	6,900.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	8,000.00	0.00	8,000.00	
6	Others	0.00	0.00	0.00	
7	Administrative Costs	4,624.00	0.00	4,624.00	
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ITEM 1 and ITEM 2

ITEM 1

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)

ITEM 2

- b. ITEM 2 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)
- c. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No
- d. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 3 – 9

ITEM 3 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands

ITEM 4 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project

ITEM 5 - Soil Impacts

ITEM 6 - Damage to Scenic Resources

ITEM 7 - Hazardous Materials

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

ITEM 8 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the potential impacts and for any substantially adverse changes in the significance of historical or cultural resources and measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the impacts.

ITEM 9 - Indirect Significant Impacts

CEQA/NEPA Attachment